

Claims

- 5 1. A surface treatment composition comprising at least one surfactant and in an amount of at least 0.5% (w/v) of at least two different organic acids each present both as an organic acid and as an organic acid salt.
- 10 2. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein one or the organic acids or salt thereof has two or more carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups.
- 15 3. A composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein one of the organic acids or salts thereof has two or more carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups, and the other organic acid or salt thereof has one carboxylic acid or carboxylate group.
- 20 4. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein one of the one organic acids or salts thereof has one carboxylic acid or carboxylate group, being a linear or branched optionally substituted
- 25 hydroxyalkyl carboxylic acid or salt or alkylmonocarboxylic acid or salt comprising 1 to 8 carbon atoms.
- 30 5. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein one of the organic acids or salts thereof has two carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups and is a linear or branched, optionally substituted hydroxyalkyldicarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 2 to

10 chain carbon atoms or is a linear or branched, optionally substituted alkyldicarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 2 to 10 chain carbon atoms.

- 5 6. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein one of the organic acids or salts thereof has three carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups and is a linear or branched, optionally substituted hydroxyalkyltricarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 3
10 to 10 chain carbon atoms or is a linear or branched, optionally substituted alkyltricarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 3 to 10 chain carbon atoms.
7. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim
15 wherein at least one of the organic acids or salts thereof buffers the composition to a desired pH.
8. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the first acid is lactic acid, the salt of the first acid is a lactate, the second acid is citric acid, and the salt
20 of the second acid is a citrate.
9. A composition according to any preceding claim wherein the total concentration of organic acids and salts thereof present in the composition is at least
25 1% (w/v).
10. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the pH of the composition is no more than 6.
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11. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the total concentration of surfactant(s) in the composition is at least 2% (w/v).

12. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the composition further comprises a biocidal agent.
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13. A surface treatment composition comprising a composition according to any preceding claim.
14. A package comprising a container containing a composition according to any preceding claim, further comprising a restricted dispenser outlet under the control of a user.
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15. A method of treating a surface, the method comprising the step of contacting the surface with a composition according to any of claims 1 - 13.
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16. A method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the method is a method of removing dirt from a surface.
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17. A method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the method is a method of removing or inhibiting microbial growth from skin or hair.
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18. A composition, method of use or package substantially as described herein.